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Sent: Tue 4/18/2017 5:00:02 PM
Subject: FW: Florida and Washington Unreasonable Delay Lawsuits
NWEA petition denial WA toxics 4 18 2017 redline.docx

Hi Christine,

FYI, the NWEA petition response/denial is moving along.

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Importance: High

Here's the revised WA one in redline. Also minor edits, unless anyone objects to us deleting the reference to banned pesticides. I'm planning to send to Benita in the next 10mins or so.

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I have no objections.

Joel

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FYI – Benita is asking for drafts of the WA and FL petition denials today to give to Sarah Greenwalt (see below). Attached are Betsy’s very minor edits to the FL one (I assume R4 and OGC folks won’t object to these and I’ll clean up and send). I am working on the WA petition denial edits now and will send those asap (also mostly non-substantive).

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Begin forwarded message:

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Betsy/Sara – Do you have a draft response to the petitions that I can share with Sarah? I

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Regards,

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Benita,

Thanks again for the material. David and others have been working with DOJ on deadlines, so to the extent the decision needed from me was to agree to respond to the petitions by mid-May, I see no problem with that.

If the decision needed from me is Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process I understand you have draft denials (or at least a draft of the WA denial) prepared? Would you please send me those drafts?

Thanks!

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Sarah,

As a follow up to our general yesterday, attached is a background paper on the litigation concerning petitions we received to establish new water quality standards for Washington and Florida. The lawsuits allege that the Agency unreasonably delayed responding to the petition. Scheduling in the litigation is proceeding in both cases. We recommend

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In the Washington litigation, EPA's answer to the complaint is due on April 24. If we can commit to responding to the petition in May, the court may be willing to stay the litigation. In the Florida litigation, the Court granted a 60 day stay of litigation until May 26. Responding to the petitions by mid-May will moot out the associated lawsuits and would avoid the expenditure of Agency funds on litigation steps.

We'd be happy to answer any questions you have on the litigation/petitions or schedule a briefing for you to provide more details.

Regards,

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